

Amendments to the Specification

On Page 1, line 4, Under the Title, Replace the Section Heading as follows:

~~STATE OF THE ART~~ BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

On Page 1, line 23, Replace the Section Heading as follows:

~~ADVANTAGES OF THE INVENTION~~ SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

On Page 1, beginning at line 24 and ending at line 31, Amend the Paragraph as follows:

The windshield wiper device in accordance with the invention ~~with the features of the main claim~~ has the advantage that, due to a macroscopic structure that is superimposed on the cone, the force with which the cone of the wiper shaft is pressed into the wiper arm is increased with the same press-on pressure of the wiper arm on the wiper shaft. As a result, the knurls arranged on the cone can embed themselves better and deeper into the surface of the wiper arm, thereby reinforcing the connection between the wiper shaft and the wiper arm, and also enabling greater torques to be transmitted when using fastening parts with higher surface hardnesses.

On Page 1, beginning at line 32 and ending at line 33, Delete the Paragraph as follows:

~~Advantageous further developments and improvements of the features disclosed in the main claim are yielded by the measures listed in the sub-claims.~~

On Page 2, beginning at line 13 and ending at line 16, Amend the Paragraph as follows:

The wiper arm in accordance with one embodiment of the invention ~~with the features of Claim 6~~ has the advantage that, due to a macroscopic structure which is superimposed on the inner cone of the fastening part, a greater torque can be transmitted from the wiper shaft to the wiper arm without the application force of the wiper arm on the cone having to be increased.

On Page 2, line 27, Replace the Section Heading as follows:

DRAWINGS BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

On page 3, line 25, Replace the Section Heading as follows:

DESCRIPTION OF THE EXEMPLARY EMBODIMENTS DETAILED DESCRIPTION

On Page 3, beginning at line 26 and ending at line 20 and

On Page 4, beginning at line 1 and ending at line 5, Amend the Paragraph as follows:

Figure 1 shows a perspective representation of a windshield wiper device 10 in accordance with the invention. This includes a support tube 12 featuring two ends, on each of which a wiper bearing 14, 16 is attached. A wiper motor ~~16~~17, which puts a crank 18 into either a back-and-forth or rotating motion, is arranged in the center of the longitudinal extension of the support tube 12 as a drive unit. The free end of the crank 18 is connected to two thrust rods 20, 22, which move driving cranks 24, 26, which drive the wiper shafts 28, 30. The wiper shafts 28, 30 are pivoted in the wiper bearings 14, 16 and in an assembled state accommodate wiper arms 32 (Fig. 9), on whose free ends wiper blades can be fastened. To fasten the wiper arm 32, the wiper shaft 28 features a cone 34, which is terminated by a cylindrical thread 36.

On Page 7, lines 6 through 9, Amend the Paragraph as follows:

Figure 14 shows a cross-section through the inner cone 37 of the wiper arm 32 from Figure 13. The relief grooves 49 reduce the contact surface between the wiper shaft 28 and the inner cone 37 so that the knurling 35 of the cone is able to embed itself more strongly in the inner cone 37 of the ~~fastening part~~wiper arm 32.